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SUBJ: AFGHAN AMB'S QUERY

1. AT SOCIAL EVENT LAST EVENING AFGHAN AMB ABDUL WAHED KARIM SAID HE HAD SOMETHING URGENT TO DISCUSS WITH ME. AFTER FURTIVELY TAKING ME ASIDE, HE SAID THAT HE HAS BEEN NOMINATED TO BE AFGHAN AMB TO THE UNITED STATES. HE WAS WORRIED, HOWEVER, BECAUSE SEVENTEEN DAYS HAD GONE BY SINCE HIS NAME WAS SUBMITTED AND NO US AGREEMENT HAD YET BEEN RECEIVED. DID I THINK THERE WAS SOME US OBJECTION TO HIM? HE NOTED PRESENT AFGHAN AMB HAS BEEN IN WASHINGTON FOR TEN YEARS AND WONDERED WHETHER USG MIGHT BE RELUCTANT TO HAVE HIM LEAVE.

2. I CONGRATULATED KARIM ON HIS NOMINATION, BUT INDICATED THIS WAS THE FIRST THAT I HAD HEARD OF IT. I POINTED OUT THAT THE AGREEMENT PROCEDURE ALWAYS TAKES A LITTLE TIME AND EXPRESSED CONFIDENCE THAT HIS GOVT AND HE WOULD IN DUE COURSE RECEIVE THE NECESSARY RESPONSE. KARIM EXPRESSED HIS PLEASURE AT HAVING BEEN NOMINATED AS AMB TO THE US, WHICH HE CALLED THE "APOGEE" OF HIS CAREER.

3. FOR WHAT IT IS WORTH, KARIM IS A QUIET, THOUGHTFUL, PLEASANT PERSON. I HAVE SEEN A FAIR AMOUNT OF HIM, BOTH

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OFFICIALLY AND SOCIALLY, AND HAVE USUALLY FOUND HIM TO BE REASONABLY WELL INFORMED FOR A REP OF A STATE WHICH HAS FEW INTERESTS IN EGYPT. HE IS A MAN OF SOBER JUDGMENT AND NOT GIVEN TO FLIGHTS OF FANCY. FRENCH TRAINED, HE IS A LOGICIAN AND A MAN WITH WHOM ONE CAN REASON. HIS ENGLISH IS GOOD. IN MY JUDGMENT HE WOULD DO WELL IN WASHINGTON.
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